

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of March 24, 2004, in which the Examiner has made certain technical objections to the claims. The Examiner indicated that certain claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form or in order to overcome the technical objections.

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action Summary indicates that certain claims are allowed. However, the Detailed Action indicates that the listed claims are in fact rejected.

In a telephone reply to Applicants' Representative, the Examiner indicated that the claims listed in paragraph 5 of the Office Action Summary are rejected. Accordingly, the accompanying Amendment addresses the rejections.

The Examiner indicated that claims 8, 27, 17, 18, 32, 34, 35, 37, 42, 49-52, 54 and 55 would be allowable if either rewritten in independent form or amended to overcome the technical objections. Claims 8, 27, and 32 have been rewritten in independent form.

A Terminal Disclaimer has been filed to overcome the rejection of claims 42, 49, 52 and 54.

Claim 55 has been amended to overcome the technical objection. Other claims have likewise been amended to overcome the Examiner's technical objections and such amendments should not be considered as further limiting.

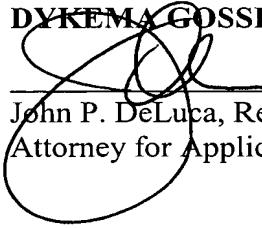
Corrected drawings are attached. New formal drawings are presented under separate cover.

Allowance of the claims is therefore respectfully requested.

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